

IN THE TITLE:

Please amend the title to read "METAL GASKET AND A MATERIAL FOR ITS MANUFACTURE AND A METHOD FOR THEIR MANUFACTURE".

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the Specification as follows.

On line 1, after the title, please insert "--This application is a continuation of International Patent Application No. PCT/JP02/04136 filed April 25, 2002. This PCT application was not in English as published under PCT Article 21(2)--."